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GENE ENCODING PROTEIN FROM MEROZOITE OF BABESIA CABALLI, RECOMBINANT PROTEIN OBTAINED WITH SAID

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In response to the Office Action mailed October 2, 2003, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

This reply includes amendments to the claims and Remarks.